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Local Student Selected to Receive Texas Armed Services Scholarship

(SAN ANTONIO)—On Monday, May 24, Senator Leticia Van de Putte presented Joseph Cuellar with the District 26 Texas Armed Services Scholarship.

The Texas Armed Services Scholarship was created during the 81st Legislative Session to provide scholarships to young men and women who participate in a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program in preparation for service in the Texas Army, Air National Guard, or U.S. Armed Forces.

Each State Representative and State Senator was able to nominate one student from their district, and the Lieutenant Governor and Governor were able to nominate two students from across the state for this prestigious scholarship.

Joseph Cuellar is currently a senior at John Jay Science and Engineering Academy. He is an Eagle Scout, a member of the National Honor Society, and captain of the varsity football team. Following graduation, he will join the Corp of Cadets at Texas A&M University in College Station. Joseph will receive a \$10,000 scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year and dependent on available future funding, may receive up to four years of scholarship awards.

"Joseph is a wonderfully talented and bright young man. Texas A&M University has a rich tradition of producing talented young men and women for our National Guard and our nation's Armed Forces. It is a great pleasure to assist Joseph as he becomes a part of that rich Aggie tradition, and I know he will excel in his future endeavors," said Senator Van de Putte.